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TAGS: OVIP, CA (MONDALE, WALTER)  
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT VISIT TO EDMONTON

REF: OTTAWA 00257

1. ALBERTA MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE TREATMENT TO EDMONTON VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. FILM CLIPS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL AND SPEECH AT EDMONTON PLAZA HOTEL WERE WIDELY USED ON LOCAL TV, AND ALBERTA PRESS PROVIDED SYMPATHETIC COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE'S EDMONTON ACTIVITIES. ALL THREE MAJOR ALBERTA NEWSPAPERS HAD EDITORIALS WHICH NOTED DEMONSTRABLE IMPROVEMENT IN CANADIAN/U.S. RELATIONS AND COMMENTED ON UNDENIABLE GOOD WILL IMPACT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CANADA. EDMONTON JOURNAL SUGGESTED THAT THE PARANOIA WAS FADING ON ONE SIDE WHILE THE INDIFFERENCE WAS FADING ON THE OTHER.

2. LOCAL PRESS CONCLUDED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP  
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WAS DESIGNED TO TEST THE WATERS FOR CLOSER ENERGY TIES AND THAT U.S. WAS WILLING TO GRANT TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR INCREASED NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES. ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (ENERGY MINISTER GETTY AND FEDERAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HYNDMAN) CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS ONLY A "POTENTIAL" BARGAIN ON GAS AND THAT NO TANGIBLE GAINS HAD RESULTED FROM MONDALE/LOUGHEED MEETING. CALGARY

HERALD AND EDMONTON JOURNAL DOWNPLAYED FEARS OF "CONTINENTALISM" AND TOLD THEIR READERS THAT CANADA SHOULD BE PRAGMATIC ABOUT DEFINING ITS (ENERGY) INTERESTS. ABOVE PAPERS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THERE WOULD BE LONG AND TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON GAS SWAP.

3. COMMENT:

ALBERTANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE WERE FLATTERED BY VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EDMONTON. THEY VIEWED HIS ALBERTA VISIT AS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF WEST IN CANADIAN CONFEDERATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE INCREASED ROLE OF PROVINCIAL LEADERS IN SETTING NATIONAL POLICY. WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. CLIPPINGS BEING AIRPOUCHED.  
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